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The method of claims 73-75 is directed to the method of identifying genomic regions involved in the development of cancer, so requiring election of species of genomic regions thus identified reverses the logic of the invention. If the method steps of claims 73 and 74 are searched as method steps, the search will embrace any genomic region that might be identified by such a method. Withdrawal of the species election regarding Group VI is therefore respectfully requested.

A petition for one-month extension of time and the associated fee are being filed and paid herewith. However, if any additional fees are due and necessary, the Examiner and the Director are herewith authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 504488.

Respectfully submitted,

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